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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In reply to the Restriction Requirement that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned case on March 7, 2006, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-17, and the positions 1-332 of SEQ ID NO:1. The election of positions 1-332 of SEQ ID NO:1 is made with traverse.

Positions 1-261, 1-332, 262-332, and 333-444 of SEQ ID NO:1 are all part of the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:1. As such, a search using the sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 would necessarily encompass positions 1-261, 1-332, 262-332, and 333-444 of SEQ ID NO:1. Accordingly, it would present no additional burden on the Examiner to

search these positions of SEQ ID NO:1 together. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement and examination of Group I as directed to positions 1-261, 1-332, 262-332, and 333-444 of SEQ ID NO:1 in the present application.

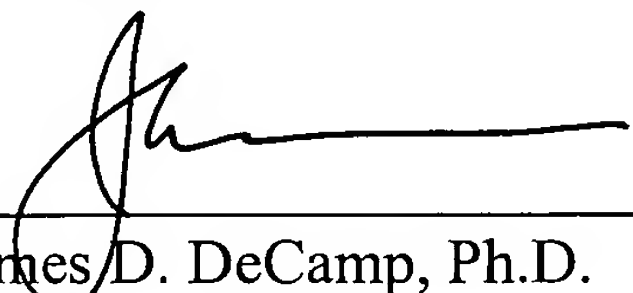
CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that the application now is in condition for allowance, and this action is hereby respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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